

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina—Probably local thunder showers tonight or Thursday; not quite so warm Thursday.

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'VETS' HAVING A GREAT TIME AT RE-UNION

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GENERAL YOUNG STIRRING THINGS

Memorial to Jefferson Davis Will be Completed in the Fall—Sponsors Receiving Marked Attention—Amusing Incident.

Washington, June 6.—(By Associated Press.) A moderate rain in Washington today... Cordial and enthusiastic reception in Washington for old soldiers...

General Bennett H. Young stirred the convention in his report on the progress with which the memorial to Jefferson Davis at his birth place is being built...

Half a hundred survivors of Forrest's cavalry, in their drab uniforms, formed ranks today and went through military movements while a large crowd cheered.

An old negro giving his name as J. A. Bivens, wearing a badge of Camp Wilcox, Birmingham, Ala., and clad in gray, was the center of an interesting crowd...

The Confederate choir, of Portsmouth, of which Mrs. Helen Foote Owen is leader, and Mrs. Yates McAlpine Wilson and Mrs. Florence T. Boswell chaperons, sang the "Songs of the Sixties" at each session of the veterans' convention.

A Red Cross hospital has been established at the tented city on the Union station plaza and the veterans who are taken ill are cared for there.

The sponsors and maids of honor were formally presented to the veterans through the various departmental and divisional commanders.

Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, of Georgia, widow of the famous general, is attending the reunion and many of the veterans of Longstreet's corps have called to pay their respects.

Among the Memphis visitors is Colonel James L. Goodloe, author of "On to Washington," and poet of Lieutenant General Baxter Smith's command.

Company A, of this command, in uniforms and carrying their old war muskets, will march in the parade.

Washington, June 6.—(By Associated Press.) President Wilson today, in a letter to Governor Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, openly expressed his opposition to re-licensing laws which safeguard have been thrown about labor, as a war measure.

"I feel that there is no necessity for such action," wrote the President, "and that it would lead to a slackening of the energy of the nation rather than to an increase of it, besides being very unfair to the laboring people themselves."

There has been a movement in some States to lengthen hours of labor. Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders have protested.

BRITISH RAINING HEAVY FIRE ON IMPORTANT CITY

General Haig Evidently Trying to Drive the Germans From Coal District.

ATTACK EXPECTED NOW IN BELGIUM

British Raids on German Naval Bases Hailed as Successes—Air Attack Resulted in Disaster.

British activities in the vicinity of Lens indicated that General Haig has determined to make the coal city and the mining district around it so uncomfortable for the Germans that they will be forced to retire from it.

While the artillery was roaring away in Belgium, giving promise of a British offensive movement, there was an attack suddenly launched last night at the points from the vicinity of Lens toward the Scarpe. The thrust was a successful one in the further process of rendering Lens untenable.

German newspaper comment indicates that the Berlin staff expects a British offensive movement in Belgium. The German commentators are speculating with some concern on the heavy artillery fire there and the notable concentration of troops reported behind the Belgian front.

The recent naval and aerial operations by the British on German bases in Belgium have been notably successful. Photographic observations have revealed heavy damage to dock-yards and work shops at Ostend.

The French have had to withstand two more heavy German attacks in the region northwest of Braye in the Aisne district. The Germans not only failed to gain their objective, but lost heavily.

The latest German airplane raid on England seems to have resulted somewhat disastrously for the raiding forces. Besides having two of their machines brought down during the raid they lost four more during the flight back home, through attacks of British machines of the pursuing forces and others from Dunkirk.

German Attacks Repeated. Paris, June 6.—Two violent German attacks on French positions at Hurbette and the Chemin-des-Dames were repulsed last night with heavy losses to the attackers, according to an official statement issued by the French war office this morning.

Slight British Gains. Berlin, June 6. (Via London).—A British attack delivered yesterday successfully in penetrating the German position at the Boeux Railway station, where fighting continues for small sections of trenches, says today's army headquarters' statement.

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A downpour of rain followed the tornadoes and many small streams in a few minutes were out of their banks. All the rivers are rising rapidly and it is feared that floods in some sections may result.

NEW HIGH RECORD ON COTTON PRICES

New York, June 6.—New high records for the season were again scored in the cotton market today with trading active and excited. Scattering long accounts appeared to have been liquidated before the holiday and a big advance in the Liverpool market was followed by active foreign and domestic buying in the local market which sent active months 50 to 56 points above Monday's closing prices before the end of the first hour.

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GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK BY AMERICAN STEAMER.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 6.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer in a running fight lasting an hour and a half, in which 35 shots were fired by the submarine and 25 by the steamer. An official announcement by the State Department today says the steamer's final shot "apparently struck the submarine which raised clear out of the water and stood stern up for a few seconds. Then she disappeared."

GERMANY MAKES KICK TO BRAZIL

But Latter Country Stands Pat on Seizure of German Vessels.

Rio de Janeiro, June 6.—Brazil has replied to the German note protesting against the requisitioning of German ships with a declaration that the republic has acted within the strict limits of the law, even as interpreted by Germany. The Brazilian reply says in part:

"The utilization of German ships by Brazil follows the torpedoing of Brazilian merchant ships and assures, directly, and immediately, although by force, satisfaction for the losses caused by German submarines. Brazil is acting lawfully and on the basis of even German law. It has taken a step which all nations take, even without abandoning its state of peace, for the sole reason of forcing an offending nation to make due reparation."

The government of the republic does not depart from the calm region of the principles of those laws which have previously governed international society and proceeds solely in defense of the flag and interests of its country.

The Dutch minister presented to the foreign office the note from the German foreign secretary protesting against the utilizing of German ships.

"I have the honor, in the name of the Imperial German government to formally protest to the government of the United States of Brazil, against the requisition and utilization of German ships anchored in the ports of the republic. I reserve myself the right to demand an indemnity for all losses occasioned to German interests by such a measure."

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NORWEGIAN SHIP TORPEDOED AT SEA

In Ballast For American Port. Signals Not Noticed by Submarine.

Galveston, Texas, June 6.—Captain Haugland and his crew of 20 men of the Norwegian steamship Crosholm have arrived here and report the sinking of their ship on May 15 by a German submarine.

On the day she was sunk the Crosholm was 200 miles west of the Irish coast bound for an American port in ballast. The attacking submarine opened fire without warning. Captain Haugland hoisted his signals, including the Norwegian flag, and lay to. Shell fire continued and the ship's boats were lowered. The Crosholm was finally torpedoed and the crew was picked up at 11 a. m. on May 16.

SUNDAY BASEBALL FOR THIS STATE THE LATEST IDEA

Proposed For Purpose of Raising Money For Red Cross Aaid.

TO GET OPINION OF THE PULPIT

Before Proposing Plan—Registration Notes—Growth of Public Health Nurse System

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., June 6.—Raleigh people who wish to add to the work of the Red Cross and do it effectively are sounding the public on the proposal to play Sunday baseball for the sole benefit of the Red Cross, which is turning the town up for money nowadays.

The advocates are not going to take any chances with public sentiment. If they cannot gain the agreement of the ministers the movement will not move further. It is the purpose of those who are feeling the public pulse to put on games Wednesdays and Sundays if the church people will encourage them. In their own behalf they are urging that the thing in the event of opposition, the prospect isn't exciting either way.

Secretary Daniels, of the navy, and Secretary Baker, of the war department, are expected in Raleigh Wednesday morning on their way to Chapel Hill, where they will make patriotic commencement addresses.

Mr. Baker is to make the regular commencement address and Secretary Daniels will talk patriotism in Chapel Hill.

Calls for troops to back those who desired to register came from several portions of the State yesterday, but none for men to force anybody to do his duty, so the War Department said.

The registration throughout the day took on the similitude of an old-time election. The showing of the black people was exceedingly fine. Meetings held the last six days have done the work. Every preacher and every man of prominence among the colored people worked for a good record. The nation was very greatly interested in North Carolina, and newspaper inquiries were coming from the North every hour. Every paper in the "Big City" wanted to know the estimates and how much rebellion there was.

Jake Senger would not contend with the Government yesterday on the white slave traffic indictment against him in the Federal court and the United States took a verdict of guilty.

B. A. Norris accepted the same verdict the day before, after interposing a plea of not guilty. The Government isn't going to do any muck-raking, but the defendants have told things that would greatly interest the present city government.

The State Board of Health, issuing its bulletin on the public health nurse, finds vast growth since 1905, when there were only 445 in the nation. There were 5,185 last year and 6,036 for 1917. North Carolina had 25 last year and 50 this. Durham leads with 8; Winston-Salem has 6; Greensboro 5 and Wilmington and Raleigh 4 each.

North Carolina is one of the first to work out the public health nursing service, and the headquarters for the State at Sanatorium will find increasing use for this service, the bulletin says.

MADISON TO HAVE NEW BANK SHORTLY

(Special to The Dispatch.) Reidsville, June 6.—Madison county is soon to have a new banking institution. Application for a charter will shortly be made and the title of the new concern will be the Farmers' Deposit and Trust Company, to begin business about September 1st. The capital stock will be \$100,000.

REGISTRY RETURNS FROM MECKLENBURG

(By Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., June 6.—Charlotte yesterday registered 4,449 under the Draft Registration act. With four not reported, the rural precincts total 1,356. With all reported and the mail registration the total for Charlotte and Mecklenburg county will go beyond 7,000.

HEROIC RESCUE FROM HYDROPLANE

Rescuer Dives Into Sea From Another Hydroplane and Saves a Life.

(By Associated Press.) Toulon, France, June 6.—One of two hydro-airplanes maneuvering six miles at sea caught fire and plunged into the water with Ensign de Bishop and Quartermaster Baudoin. The second hydro-airplane flew to the rescue.

From this machine Seaman Torreson dived as the hydro-airplane swept by sixty feet above the wreck at a speed of probably a mile a minute and rescued the ensign, one of whose legs was broken. The quartermaster was lost.

ROLL OF PATRIOTS GREAT IN ANSWER TO NATION'S CALL

THE GODFATHER AMERICAN ARMY

Title Given General Joffre, Who Will be Adviser to General Pershing.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 6.—A semi-official note says that Marshal Joffre, while in America, had a conference with American military chiefs at which a plan of organization for the new American army was elaborated in agreement with the British leaders. The note says:

"It will surprise none that the marshal took a preponderating part in the plan, literally everything which he advised being adopted. His collaborators themselves styled him 'the godfather of the American army.'"

"At a moment when the first elements of this army are getting ready to take their place on our front beside our allies, the French government considers it only fitting to confirm the marshal in his sponsorship. The minister of war feels that the moral authority attaching to his person and high situation, as well as his great experience in the present war, will enable him, in accord with the American high command, to give the new troops all the necessary advice and direction so as to prepare them morally and materially for the efforts they are called on to make."

General Crowder sent this telegram to all governors:

Attention is invited to Paragraph 40 of the regulations which contemplates the registration of persons who for any reason shall not have been registered on registration day. While scrutiny should be made of each case to determine whether punitive action is required it is desired for the next few days to pursue a liberal policy in this regard in order that the registration may be made complete at the earliest possible moment. Non-residents may also continue to register under the provisions of Paragraph 64. If it later appears that the liberality of this policy is being abused more stringent action will be taken. Cards received from absentees after June 5 should be filed as prescribed in Paragraph 40. Complete returns from New Jersey, of the first to come in, show registration of 302,866. The estimate by the census bureau was 309,563. At noon no governor of any other State had made a complete report.

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SOUTHPORT QUOTA TO REGISTRATION

Many Young Men Already in Service—To Employ Canning Demonstrator.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Southport, June 6.—One hundred and eighty-four men between the ages of 21 and 31 registered at the Southport precinct yesterday—101 colored and 83 white. A number of the young men had already volunteered for services with the Coast Guards and so were exempt from registration. Reports from other precincts in the county had not been secured last night, but it is understood that all were cheerfully registering. A band was placed on the arm of every man who registered. Yesterday afternoon there was a patriotic parade, led by the members of the local chapter of Red Cross.

The Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education have jointly decided to employ a home demonstration agent to teach the people of the county how to can and preserve their surplus vegetables. It is expected that she will take up her work right away, or so soon as the canning club school now in progress at Raleigh comes to a close.

The double service now offered by the steamer Wilmington is proving attractive to picnic parties and others at Wilmington. Several parties have already been down to spend the day in the local park—Franklin Square. Here is abundance of good water and plenty of shade and good sanitary arrangements. No doubt it will prove a delightful picnic center for Wilmington people this summer, for what is more delightful than a trip with Captain Harper and a day in Southport?

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Government Pursues Liberal Policy and Those Who Failed Can Register Now.

COMPLETE REPORTS NOT YET RECEIVED

Policy of Liberality Will Hold Forth For Next Few Days—Registration in the South Beyond All Expectations.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 6.—Provost Marshal General Crowder announced this morning that inasmuch as all registrars had been given until noon today to make up their reports, no entirely complete returns of the registration could be expected until late today.

The provost marshal general also notified all governors that he had interpreted the law to permit any who in good faith failed to register yesterday to do so today and announced that a liberal policy would be pursued to make the registration complete.

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GOVERNORS REPORTING

Washington, June 6.—Governor Edge, of New Jersey, reported registrations practically complete, showing 261,243. The census estimates for New Jersey was 309,563.

Wisconsin's total registration was estimated by Governor Philipp at 218,700. This was the first State to report. Census estimates placed Wisconsin's estimated registration at 229,587.

New York's Quota. New York, June 6.—Registration officials saw little prospect today that anything like definite figures regarding yesterday's registration here under the selective conscription act could be prepared and sent to Washington before late tonight or tomorrow. With eleven assembly districts, together with four election precincts in other assembly districts missing, the count was 446,438, with the total indicating unofficially 520,000.

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